

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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I am very appreciative of the exhaustive planning efforts that the New Directions Task Force has conducted to bring the Special Needs Housing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Housing Plan is very comprehensive in its scope, and it only further emphasizes the challenges of serving these targeted populations in need.

I am also supportive of the efforts of this Board to address the problem of housing and homelessness in this County. However, as I stated back in June, I believe that this Board needs to be cognizant of the level of commitment we are making. We need to take a careful, measured approach to anything that will result in the County assuming ongoing primary responsibility for solving a complex issue that will require a significant new commitment of County resources over the long haul.

The Recommendations of the New Directions Task Force are commendable, and I support their endorsement by this Board, with the exception of Recommendation 3. I think that to have the CAO report back to the Board as to a Housing Trust Fund as part

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of the 2006-07 Proposed Budget would prevent this Board from carrying out its key responsibility to ensure that any new funding identified for this effort is well founded and fiscally reasonable. Any recommendations involving the establishment of a Housing Trust Fund should be kept apart from the Proposed Budget, so a discussion can take place as to how this new funding need correlates with all of our other pressing funding priorities.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- That the recommendation for the CAO to report back to the Board as to the establishment of a Housing Trust Fund (Recommendation #3) occur separately and apart from the 2006-2007 Proposed Budget.

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